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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries including Russia has struck India particularly Goa from the list of safe travel destinations for its citizens recently and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b) its likely impact the tourism industry in India including Goa;
(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Russian Government;
(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to make India a safe destination for foreign tourists?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): No, Madam. Important source markets like USA, UK, Germany, Australia including Russia have not struck India in particular Goa, from the list of safe travel destinations for its citizens. However, some countries have advised their citizens to exercise necessary precautions while travelling to some parts of India.

As regards the impact on the tourism industry, there is a continuous increase in Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India in the recent past. The numbers of FTAs in India along with growth rate during 2012, 2013, 2014 and January - November 2015 are as follows:
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Year FTAs (in million) Growth rate (%)
2012 6.58 4.3
2013 6.97 5.9
2014 7.68 10.2
Jan - Nov 2015 (Provisional) 7.10 4.5
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The increase in number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to the State of Goa during 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 are as under:
<pre>
Year Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs)
2011 4,45,935
2012 4,50,530
2013 4,92,322
2014 5,13,592
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(c) and (d): Does not arise.

(e): Details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure safety and security of tourists is placed at Annexure.

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